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SUBJECT:DISCUSSION OF CYPRUS AND TURKISH DCA WITH TURKISH
AMBASSADOR

REFERENCE: STATE 172827

1. DURING CALL ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY VEST JULY 28,
TURKISH AMBASSADOR ESENBEL MADE FAMILIAR ARGUMENT THAT
ADMINISTRATION SHOULD PRESS CONGRESS TO TAKE ACTION ON
TURKISH DCA AND NOT AWAIT CYPRUS DEVELOPMENTS. DISCUSSION
WAS ALONG GENERAL LINES OF ESENBEL/NIMETZ CONVERSATION OF
JULY 21 (REFTEL).

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2. ESENBEL CONTENDED THAT THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE SUPPORT
FOR TURKISH DCA IN CONGRESS AND THAT IT WOULD NEVER BE
POSSIBLE TO SATISFY SOME THAT ENOUGH PROGRESS HAD BEEN
ACHIEVED ON CYPRUS. HE NOTED THAT CONTINUED US RESTRICTIONS
WERE AFFECTING TURKEY'S CAPABILITY CONTRIBUTE TO NATO OB-
JECTIVES, A CONCERN WHICH HE UNDERSTOOD CINCEUR SHARED

AND HAD SO CONVEYED TO DOD. ESENBEL SAID CONGRESSMAN HAMILTON HAD TOLD HIM THAT HEARING AT WHICH ADMIRAL STANSFIELD TURNER WOULD TESTIFY HAD BEEN POSTPONED FROM JULY 29 UNTIL SEPTEMBER. ESENBEL EXPRESSED HOPE THAT CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON DCA WOULD BE FEASIBLE IN FALL.

3. VEST SAID WE WERE ANXIOUS TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH NEW TURKISH GOVERNMENT BUT REITERATED ADMINISTRATION POSITION ON CONGRESSIONAL HANDLING OF DCA. (PARA 6 REFTTEL)
ESENBEL SUGGESTED THAT DURING EARLY PERIOD OF NEW GOVERNMENT AMBASSADOR SPIERS WOULD BE IN BEST POSITION TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH GOT LEADERS ON ISSUES OF MUTUAL CONCERN. ESENBEL SAID HE DID NOT EXPECT TO RETURN FROM CONSULTATION LEAVE IN TURKEY UNTIL SEPTEMBER. CHRISTOPHER

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